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# A DISCOURSE ON DEATH OF AN ATHEIST

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Funeral of John Riley Lewis at Jefferson City, Montana-A Respected Citizen.

when death has intervened that the last reasonable request of the dead, expressed in life, should be fulfilled. Because of this, it becomes my solemn duty on this occasion to voice certain sentiments which I believe shall be in keeping and in consonance with the life and the thought of him who lies here now so still in the calm repose of that an inspired writer could have death. It was his oft-repeated wish that no clergyman should, at his obsequies, give utterance as the exponent of doctrines which he, his whole life shadow upon all. Nor could his syslong, had consistently and persistently antagonized. That his belief concerning nature and the supernatural coin- interpretation, since here, as before, one cided so nearly with my own makes error would have involved all in uneasier the task that is mine today, certainty. He could not believe that And yet, it is difficult and dispiriting to assume a position which is at vari- would have given his word and his ance with that held by majorities.

#### Death a Phenomenon.

There are at the present time many well-meaning and thoughtful individuals, who would dissociate death from all thought of gloom and overwhelming a plan seemed to him to be altogether sadness; viewing it as a phenomenon, as inevitable and in line with natural law; even giving to it an environment of brightness and cheer. And yet, despite all the teachings of science and philosophy, there is something about death that is suggestive of exile, of the chill and cheerless of winter and from all the prayers uttered throughof the barrenness and desolation of desert wastes; dark and sombre is its appropriate emblem. Yet the gloomy pall may fittingly be decked with the myrtle and the lily, with the rose and the lotus, with the olive and the laurel; the amaranth and the ivy, the lowly, unpretentious violet and the regal chrysanthemum.

Necessity the Supreme Law.

may shed the tear, but will not delent motive, no hatred, no revenge. erns throughout nature's domain. The obeys that law. There are no acci-The activities of mind, with which we ception to this. Hence, all phenomena, throughout all time are fixed irrevoeably; there is no possible deviation. All science tacitly admits this; upon this principle all of its calculations cause and effect as traceable in matter and force, and never acknowledges any other agency. The astronomer, relying upon such data, fortells an eclipse far in the future. The chemist has never discovered in any of his processes a single behavior or phenomena which he would ascribe to divine interference with natural law. This today is the accepted doctrine in all the schools; and thus the teaching of the schools differs from the teaching of the pulpit. Both cannot be right. There are some who believe that the teaching of the schools alone is tenable and must soon supersede the teaching of the pul-This is the position of modern atheism or materialism.

An Uncompromising Atheist. mising atheist. He believed that nature was all; that there is nothing He who notes the sparrow's fall; the manity collectively-not individually,above, or beyond, or outside of nature. same is He saw clearly the fatal antagonism between the two systems of thought, and he put aside theism, accepting the doctrine of the schools. Though he was not an academician, and though he may not have been, in the broadest sense, a trained thinker, yet his mind, accustomed to analysis, was quick to objections-perchance has answered a fault. He would entertain no tolerperceive all improbability and all ab- them all again and again. But the ance toward the slightest injustice or surdity.

of a Daniel. For him reason was the through coming time. It will answer or bartered his integrity for all the only oracle of man. For him reason these things as it answered Copernicus wealth of all the treasuries of all the light, blazing afar, illuminating the pathway of truth, and leading ever and theory of the rotundity of the earth. grave. He whose life is an exemplifiglow in the eastern sky, soon passes always to a higher plane.

long hast thou been exiled in thy midst. On a farm near Valparaiso, In- king; for thus does one become a thou-Patmos, but sometime shalt thou be diana, he was born, August 6, 1822. sand—yea, a thousand times a thou-called back, and then shall the mind His death occurred on April 13, 1908; sand,—in his influence for good. be free. Brighter thou than the sun's at 40 minutes past seven o'clock p. m. If my feeble and halting rhetoric effulgence, brighter than the light- he passed away calmly, serenely as were otherwise, and could be commenthe land where Lethe is king. We

thou again lift up thy head and vie with the matchless glory of the stars!

Reason taught him that there are no miracles, that there never was a miracle; because a miracle is a contradiction of terms; because the east is not, and cannot be the west; because because two and two are four, and are not, and cannot be, four hundred; because the words truth and falsehood never were, and will never be synonyms. Sometimes, perchance, he may have had scant patience with one who would endeavor to explain a miracle, thus foolishly destroying it, or making it simply a phenomenon, produced in accordance with the unchangeable law of cause and effect. He denied all Friends and Neighbors:-It is well miracles, and standing with him are Darwin and Huxley and Spencer and Tyndall.

#### No Believer in Inspiration.

Again, he denied that there ever was an inspired book or an inspired author. It would have grated harshly upon his mental perceptions to concede made one mistake, or that an inspired volume could have contained a single error. One error would have cast a tem of reasoning more easily have allowed for an error in translation or an allwise and beneficient creator law in any form which would be possible of being misunderstood, or that he would have given them to only a few while many, for centuries should remain totally ignorant of them. Such absurd. And standing with him again are Darwin and Huxley and Spencer and Tyndall.

He knew that no prayer was ever answered. Not only is the evidence of successful prayer totally wanting, but also the evidence of failure, gathered out Christendom for nineteen centuries is overwhelmingly conclusive. He denied the efficacy of prayer, and standing with him yet again is practically every scientific thinker of today.

#### God's Will Be Done. "It is God's way; His will be done.

sadly and mournfully in a nation's annals, portraying a matchless devotion Philosophy, standing beside a grave, and a sublime reverence, and beyond and through these things pointing to a spair, for it has learned that nature nobility of character and to the highdoes not think, does not know; there- est ideals, yet cannot stand the test the sentiment is inexplicable. Emotion Necessity is the supreme law that gov. may uter it, but reason refutes. The way and the course of human affairs, stars pursue their course along the the established institutions of men; cause they must. Each atom forever prayers of all the churches of Christendom fail to reverse the divine decree. dents in nature; no chance, no caprice. More in accordance with logical deduction was the human decree, that the associate will or volition, are no ex- base and ignominious assassin must

A thousand people, nearly all Sabbath school children and teachers, start for a pienie excursion, and that thousand lives are lost, and the Slocum horare based. Science deals only with ror startles the world. Speak, O Wave! O Flame! In hoarsest accents voice your motives!

And then fierce Conemaugh! whose relentless flood overwhelmed a great city, and extinguished so many thousand lives, in fearful utterance impart what lessons thou mayst teach! Can the believer in an all-wise and beneficient supervision over phenomena answer or explain these things ?

# Futility of Prayer.

of prayer explain this? Yet the same no final goal to be reached in thought God whose instrumentality, according or in human achievement, but only John Riley Lewis was an uncompro- to the theological contention, brought eternal advancement. This, however, about all these things,-the same is applied to this world only, and to hu-

nest.

pride";

Death has come to an aged pioneer ention of truth and justice and right O reason! true light of the world, of Montana, long a resident in our is greater than any conqueror or any

# The "Free Lance" **Adopts New Tactics**

# harmony is not and cannot be discord; Is Trying to Flim-Flam Billings Out of State Federation Convention--Object Is Plain.

The "Free Lance" (f) (deception | It quotes the total fares at \$1800.00 every political party except the demo- only be two-thirds of that, cratic) has broken out in a new form of virulent eruption in its last issue.

This paper, it will be remembered, was the one that was started by Cutts and Shields, one of them business agent the carpenters, in Butte, as buncosteerer for the Amalgamated company to get the working men of Montana to vote the democratic ticket this fall.

The old Heinze game over again. Whoop! Hurrah! for Heinze! Vote for him because he loves the working men, so Heinze can get control of the courts! And then after he got 'em safe he turns republican-with his thumb on his nose to the working men

Now, working mules, do it over again love the dear working men. How they retary's time. love to skin 'em. How they love to grind them, and jail them and smash em with their injunction judges. Black or white, Dem or Rep. Rep. Hunt or Dem Fox-it's all the sameso they name the man and the mules vote for him.

Cutts can afford to be jailed if he's consoled by being the petted and pampered stool pigeon, the dear mamma's darling of the Amalgamated-to be the Judas of his brethren, the Benediet of working class patriots.

But the carpenters were a crowd all the time, and when it came to Cutty prancing around and getting out a stinking democratic sheet on brotherly love, and the salary of six plunks a day they were giving him, they said, "Oh, no, Cutty, you can't cut 'er any more like that," and they These words, which shall forever ring dished him, politely, expeditiously, and unceremoniously.

That is, the republicans and socialists in the Carpenters' union declined to pay Cutts \$6 a day to help the democratic ass to bray.

Shields, who ascends the limelight as game to float a bogus paper. Now the new viscous eruption is a

where it was voted last year.

Lance" quotes the fare to Billings as tions. \$5 higher than it really is. Why ?

The "Free (f) Lance" says there are no unions affiliated with the State Federation within 236 miles of Billings. There are two affiliated unions at Miles City; at Red Lodge, only 60 or the Clerks' union and the other of miles away, the Miners' union is 700 strong-not a non-union miner in the camp. Bear Creek has two unions; there are unions at Bridger and Gebo.

> Livingston, 125 miles away, is the best organized town in the Northwest, with the most militant organizations. Sixty miles to the north is Roundup, where a big coal camp has formedall organized.

The Truthful James on the "Lance" says the necessary referendum to make and because he died as he had lived. the change would only cost \$10.00. It wouldn't pay for the printing-to say for the Amalgamated. How they do nothing of postage, envelopes and sec-

Billings was chosen as the seat of the next convention because it was the great Citizens' Alliance town of eastern Montana.

What the motive for the change 1 Tyndall,-at rest forever and forever-Why this sudden burning anxiety to more. make Butte the center of labor operations? There is just one tenable reason: The purpose is to get this convention of Montana's laboring men to endorse the great religious weekly, the ideas, the "Free (f) (democratic) Lance," and capture the convention for where you couldn't fool all of them the Amalgamated and the democratic party, a la Heinze.

> See ! you mules ! Got that through vour skull ?

The move is already serving to make the unions of eastern Montana hostile at Butte. Nice thing to do when these injunction cases for these "Free the country. Lance" luminaries. So raw is this decoy work that a blind man can see that there is a nigger in the woodpile ing ?

of analysis. As literally interpreted the "advertising manager" of the referendum. Billings and the territory thirty-nine human beings were killed. 'Free Lance,' is using the prestige surrounding it need the convention. It of his position as business agent of has been the policy of the State Fedthe Clerks' union, gets the advertising eration to hold its conventions at and twenty-four were maimed. from his victims on the ground of his points outside Butte in order to beget. In 90 days. silent pathways of the night only be. reject it. And the test;-the united squaring them with the unions, and solidarity of the entire working class not from a bona fide standpoint. In of Montana. Butte does not need edu- senger trains ran off the track. other words he is working a bogus cating. It is the "Gibraltar of unionism in the Northwest."

Organized labor of Butte needs the dainty little scheme to get the annual outlying state brought into line to convention of the Montana State Fed- fortify it in case of need. This is of eration of Labor to be held in August, eminently more importance to the enty-nine accidents occurred to as many over at Butte, instead of at Billings, working class of Montana than going trains. on a junketing tour to Butte to deliver The Butte unions don't want the organized labor soul and body into the convention there, but the 'Free (f) hands of the Amalgamated company, Lance" does. (Why f) The "Free (f) its democratic party and its injunc-

A word to the wise is sufficient.

instant desolated ruin,-famed, yet ill-chanical lines. He was a man of great starred metropolis of the Pacific's energy and great perseverance. His Golden Gate. Again, the atheist will ideas, and every impulse of his nature, ask, can the believer in the efficacy were progressive. To him there was as death, according to his belief is the 'He who stills the raven's clam'rous last of the individual. That he made no secret of this and other unpopular And decks the lily fair in flow'ry tenets which he held, pointed to characteristics of courage and self-reliance, The same is He who doeth all things which were marked and dominant traits of his life. Pretense he despised. He But the church will answer all these was always generous and hospitable to answers which the church has given wrong. Indeed, I do not believe that He dared to reason with the daring in the past have not been sustained he would have compromised his honor was to be likened unto that Pharos and Galileo; as it answered Darwin governments of earth, And this is the and Laplace; as it answered Columbus' fairest blossom that can bloom over a

ning's glare sublime, majestic, shalt fades the golden light from the sunset surate with the nobility and beauty of listen for a while to the rapturous able to see it yet .- Exchange.

sky. He came to Jefferson City in the the life of my counselor and friend winter of 1864, previously, however, this tribute would be classic. Often having spent several years in Colo- have the ignoble, the base and grovelrado. During his life he was engaged ing purchased for a price such praise in various spheres of activity, having as this, which he has carned and won. been for a time a ranchman in the vi- Surrounded by these besetting temptaeinity of Boulder; and sometimes he tions which are ever inseperable from Now teeming with wealth and gaiety, pursued the fickle industry of mining. pioneer life, he withstood them all, and and crowned with fair renown, in an He also possessed skill in certain me rose like some towering monolith, majestic, defiant.

### Knew No Future Life.

He is gone. No more that electric thrill courses through the now inani mate form. Life and mind, as inde pendent entities, are inconceivable; can manifest themselves only when united with a more or less complex organic structure. And at this point it should be observed that the personages of the Old Testament, who were in direct communication with Jehovah, knew nothing of a future life. It is significant that that book follows | ago in far-off Chicago town. its heroes only to the grave; there was the last of Moses, of David, of Samuel.

"Dust thou art, to dust returnest, Was not spoken of the soul"-Believe it not because Longfellow has sung it; Longfellow was a poet, but not always a logician.

### Span of Life Is Brief.

Brief, indeed, is the span of a human life. Its morning, with radiant into the full brilliance and splendor of the shadows have begun to lengthen, it speeds on to its western haven, on to the gates of peace and rest, on to

music of the wild woodland singer; but, ah! how speedily must follow nature's mournful chant and solemn

On an occasion like this many will ask. What is the estate of the dead ? The atheist must answer, that death is only dissolution; it is simply a return to a former condition, inorganic and insensate. This is nature's universal law; and we know that the loss of an COMBINATIONS ARE MADE TO endless future cannot be greater than the loss of a beginningless past.

Death is eternal rest. No fearful cataclysm, when worlds are hurled against worlds and universal chaos on the face of it-started out cussing to Billings when in reality they would reigns supreme, can ever disturb that peaceful, hallowed sleep.

#### Steadfast to the End.

discourse I have gone beyond or enlarged upon the settled convictions of ing more friendly to each other. The John Riley Lewis, I answer, that I believe I have not in any essential understanding that they must work toparticular. These things he believed gether if they hope to defeat the when his intellectual faculties were at their best; these things he still believed when bent and gray; these things he did not recant in the hour of death, when, at last, he had reachel eternity's portal. And, be it said, get together on all propositions rethat there are some whose minds are freer because he has lived and died, He is dead. He knows not anything. He sleepeth, to be forever unconscious as the withered leaf that is wafted by the west wind's breath, plaintive and sad. He has passed from life into that elemental realm where nature's alembic works out its wonders, not its miracles; and with him at rest are Darwin and Huxley and Spencer and

#### At the Grave.

Earth and the elements now claim that which they gave, and which is theirs. Nature makes no permanent would-be moulder of working class appropriations. From matter and force comes all, and the law of perpetuity demands all. It is well.

### HOW MANY DIE.

The records of murder, maining and destruction of property by the railroads of the United States for the quarter ended September 30, 1907, have unions have just spent \$3,000 fighting been printed by all the newspapers in

You probably read them. Did you realize what you were read-

Here is the record of 90 days:

There is no cause for any change or One thousand, three hundred and

Twenty-one thousand, seven hundred

Two hundred and twenty-two pas-

In 90 days. Three hundred and twenty collisions

occurred.

Four thousand two hundred and sev-

In 90 days.

Now do you realize what it means ! Once in every two hours somebody was killed.

Once in six minutes somebody was

Once every thirty minutes a train was wrecked. Once each minute \$20 worth of prop-

erty was utterly lost from the nation's

And this goes on, night and day. If you go to a theater and stay there two hours and a half it doesn't seem like a long time, does it ? Yet while you have been amused one murder has been done, 30 people have been struck down, five trains have been wrecked and over \$3,000 of waste has been committed .- The Bulletin.

### MORE PATRIOTISM.

#### Woman Believes All Boys Should Salute Policemen.

"School children should be taught to salute policemen," said Mrs. Edward Roby at a luncheon given by the Woman's Athletic club a few evenings

The wife of the governor was the guest of honor, and Mrs. Roby was one of the principal speakers. The latter declared that "the police forces of at the prevailing market prices, but the cities should appeal to Americans purchasers will be entitled each month as being among the patriotic organiza-

Yes, it's a fine idea. Let it be enacted into law immediately. What an imposing spectacle it will be to see school children stand to "attention" and "salute" as a big fat policeman goes by guarding a scab who has taken poration and is prepared to issue charnoon; and swift and ever swifter when the place of the father of one or more of the children when the father has falling backward from life's meridian, been compelled to strike for living

> Go ahead. Make it as ridiculous as you can. Perhaps the workers will be

# SOCIALISTS STIR **OLD PARTIES** TO ACTION

Defeat the Socialist Majority on County Board in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

As the Milwaukee Social-Democrate If any should suspect that in this grow more formidable, the Milwaukee republicans and democrats are becomtwo old parties are coming to an growth of socialism. Says the Milwaukee Sentinel (republican): "It is understood that the six republican and four democratic members of the new county board have tacitly agreed to lating to the welfare of their respective parties and by this means defeat the Social-Democratic members of the board. The Social-Democrats are six in number. This would indicate a sufficient majority to carry before it most propositions in which a split between republicans and democrats might. result. In consequence thereof the two older parties have agreed on a friendly understanding, the republicans. to throw their influence toward democratic measures in return for democratic support on republican measures. This arrangement is understood to have been made quietly without the intervention of a caucus." Furthercomment is unnecessary. The anti-Socialist party-the capitalist partyis beginning to shape itself!

The meeting of the Civic societies of Molwaukee last Tuesday turned out to be a lively occasion. The capitalistic interests have been trying to use these civic federations as a means for propsgating their reactionary schemes, but they are not meeting with great success. The Social-Democrats were on hand last Sunday, and gave some enlightening statements on municipal ownership, the referendum and initiation and kindred subjects. A resolution was proposed that a committee of five be appointed to represent the civicfederations at the approaching Milwaukee charter convention and use their influence to have the initiation and referendum incorporated in new charter. This resolution was opposed by the capitalistic elements. After a long and interesting discussion the resolution was laid over till the next meeting, and Socialist Berger, Thompson and Gaylord were invited to attend and speak on the initiation, referendum and recall. Thus the openminded portion of the public is strongly inclined to investigate the principles and tactics of the Social-Democracy.

The Italians are coming our way in Milwaukee. They have started a Social-Democratic organization and areproceeding to make good earnest propaganda in Rose's pet ward, the "Bloody Third." The Italian priests are bitterly opposing the spread of socialism. On election day the brother of one of these priests severely kicked and seriously injured one of the Italian comrades who was peaceably explaining the principles of socialism. But this violent persecution is only stirring up the comrades to greater,

### BIG CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

If plans now about completed by the-Chicago Federation of Labor work out successfully co-operative stores for the distribution of products direct from the farmer to the consumer will soon be established in every section of this city. The plans contemplate the purchase of a large number of grocery stores in different parts of Chicago, retaining the present proprietors as managers at a fixed salary, and a percentage on all sales over a certain amount each month.

A central warehouse is to be established to which the goods will be shipped by the farmers and from there they will be distributed to the various branch houses. The goods will be sol ! to a rebate, according to the amount purchased and the profits made.

The project will be managed by the International Equity union, composed of the organized farmers and the local labor bodies. The new organization has already received its charter of corters to the various local branches.

Socialism is the collective ownership of the masses of the productionand distribution of wealth.

It is a systematic method of carrying on the industries of the world.

DEMOCRATS TAKE LAST STAND.

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#### ADDITIONAL CONCERNING THE FEDERATION.

After the publication of a recent editorial by the News on "Western Federation Politics," referring to the effort made in the Coeur d'Alenes a few weeks ago to sidetrack the Socialist party for the democratic party, a communication was received from D. C. being wiped off the map nearly so Coates in which he denied that he had fast as a good many of our comrades been expelled from the Socialist party of Colorado for either fusion or compromise, and claiming that an injustice had been done him.

He was immediately informed that an investigation would be made and if talents on the altar of "individualism" he had been misrepresented the error in the name of "business" rather than would be corrected. Word was sent reap the greater benefits, both in mato Denver relating to the facts of the convention in which action against Mr. Coates was taken, and in which the editor of this paper took an active part; although time has necessarily obscured many of the details of the matter.

From advices that have been re ceived it seems that the circumstances were as follows:

Mr. Coates was elected lieutenantgovernor on a democratic ticket. While holding this office he joined the Socialist party. It being offensive to the State Committee and many members of the party that he should hold ously and refusing to resign his office. ously oppose any movement that tends vation. to trifle with socialist political action in the interest of capitalist subterfuges. The working class have foundered on that rock too long.

In Mr. Coates' letter he writes con cerning the proposed democratic fusion phones are but means to make the in the Coeur d'Alenes.

position to the party sending a representative to the meeting or having

anything to do with it." The proper course for the Socialist tative to the conference at all hazards,

function of socialists. that the socialists of British Columsented their cause with such good ef. defend the retailer. feet that a number of socialists were landed in parliament.

Western Federation, and keep them tion in the capitalistic camp.

from re-enacting their old stunt of imbeciley boosting the democratic party. So long as the Socialist party keeps away from the working men nobody is

afraid of it. The Socialist party should be an active, concrete force at every point, OFFICE 15 PARK AVE. P. O. BOX 908 presenting a better and more aggressive program than any other political proposition has to offer.

# PARCELS POST BOON TO FARMERS

chants. There are now in operation publicans were united with the demo-39,038 rural routes serving a popula- crats against the socialists and asserttion of 15,000,000 people and should ed that Bryan was the last hope of the an average of five 11-pound packages democrats and he would not be given be carried on each trip through the the nomination.-Standard. year it is estimated that \$15,000,000 would be realized and the net return to the government would be more than sufficient to equal the deficit."

A statement issued by the postmaster general giving the postal receipts for March, 1907, shows a decrease of \$260,957, or 3.11 per cent, at the 50

largest postoffices. Postal receipts at 50 of the principal offices during the five months preceding March last as compared with A FEW REPORTS FROM BURGESS. the corresponding months a year ago

October, 3.80 per cent increase; November, .17 per cent decrease; December, 6.14 per cent increase; January, 1.59 per cent decrease; February, 4.66 per cent increase.-Press dispatch from Washington, D. C.

Despite the concentration of industry, and the many failures in the small business world, the middle class is not would have us believe. While thousands of men are forced to the wall every year there are still other thousands ready to make the attemptready to sacrifice their time and terial welfare and peace of mind working class.

Capitalism stands for conservatism. The conservative elements in American politics are the merchants and farmers; therefore the interests of capitalism demand their preservation and the above press dispatch shows that capitalism is conscious of its interests.

The plan of establishing a special local parcel post on rural routes is admirably adapted to preserve the country merchant and pacify the farmer.

There is a growing discontent among the farmers. Discontent means pro ostensibly being a member of the revo- gress; pogress means the breaking of probably reach Missoula about the 3d lutionary movement, a measure was old bonds and the wiping away of old or 4th of May. introduced in the State convention customs. Capitalism rests on laws and prohibiting any one from belonging to customs of an outgrown system of iathe Socialist party while holding any dustry. As President Roosevelt said I'll keep going-will do my best. I office to which he was elected on a in his first message to congress. "the have had much experience in pioneer capitalist platform, which measure was old laws and the old customs are no work, and I know that there are many carried, Mr. Coates opposing it vigor. longer sufficient" for our change l obstacles to meet and overcome. I do modes of production. But these laws not get discouraged, but sometimes the After considerable debate it was de- and customs can not be changed to fit office people do get discouraged. cided not to make the measure retro- our changed modes of production exactive, thus permitting Coates to con. cept through the abolition of the captinue his membership while remaining italist class, hence capitalism, in its some of the socialists to subscribe. a capitalist official. It is needless to entrenched position will use every am here at a rather unfortunate time say that the matter was the source of means at its command to hold back the for the people have not had a pay much trouble. It is not the aim of rising tide of economic discontent, and day for a long time, and there will not this paper to do injustice to any one; and will make concessions only when be a pay day until I shall have left but it is its firm intention to strenu- forced to do so for its own self-preser. But I'll do the best I can under the

The easiest man for capitalism to exploit is the small farmer, so we hear the cry of "back to the land", backed by irrigation schemes and "forty-acre tracts". Rural routes and rural telefarmers and the farmers' wives more contented in their isolated conditions. ganized labor was called to be held If a parcel post is a benefit to the last Sunday to discuss the political farmer, why make it "local"? Why, situation. The Socialist party was in- to preserve the retail country mervited to send a representative to the chants, of course. A general parcel a name. We had almost no light, and conference, but because it smacked of post would let the farmer have the were hurried, because most of the possible fusion with other political par. benefit of the big department stores in crowd had to go across the Missoula ties I personally took the lead in op- Chicago, and other cities-to the exchants.

the last National convention in Indian- 7 members. party to have taken in a situation of apolis, split in two over this question this sort was to have sent a represen- of the country merchant—the middle the secretary will send in the applicaman. The more progressive ones in tion and the money, but I felt that it or have gone in a body, and thrown the the society were in favor of establish- is best to allow the newly elected whole force of the socialist logic and ing "Equity Exchanges" in the cities people to attend all the business. I persuasion at those befuddled working. for the purpose of exchanging farm urge upon them the necessity for ac men, who were so blindly contem- products directly with the consumer. plating action against their own inter. Mr. Everett, the president of the so- to be done. I tell them never to deests. That is especially what the ciety, opposed the plan. Mr. Everett pend upon anybody to do anything Socialist party is for. That is the owns "Up-to-Date Farming", the of- that is of real value to our class, but ficial organ of the old society. Mr. do it themselves. It was in just such an emergency Everett gets the money for the advertising, which occupies about half the bia met the union men who were con- paper. The retailers are the ones who to Lothrop, and from there to Mistemplating a "labor party", and pre- advertise, so of course Mr. Everett will soula.

But in spite of capitalism and all its Through the action taken by Mr. will get the idea of collective action, plans, but notify me at once and I Coates' advice in the Coeur d'Alenes and when he does and unites with the the Socialist party has abrogated its rest of the working class, it will be to in such condition financially that I opportunity to bring a powerful pres- the extinction of the retail country do not care very much. sure to bear upon the members of the merchant and the reign of consterna-

George Ambrose's Speech at Mayor's Inauguration in Butte.

Alderman George Ambrose made one

of the best talks of the afternoon when he was called upon to say a few words. He asserted that the rules of the Socialist party would not permit his vot-The postmaster general is calling of the mayor, especially the police com- of delegates to the National conventhe attention of congress to the fact missioners. Mr. Ambrose asserted that tion and the National Committee has that the establishment of a special only one other member had been in the adopted Motion No. 18, as follows: local parcel post on rural routes would council as long as he and that he hoped wipe out the postal deficit, says a to be in the council another term. He thirty-five cents (per capita) assessstatement given out at the postoffice asserted that the democrats were on ment already levied that each State department today, "and would tend to their last legs and that hereafter the Secretary be instructed to call for a make the rural free delivery self-sup- battle would be between the socialists public collection to be taken by each

> 'economical.'' He cuts the police St., Chicago, Ill. force four men. Rumor has it that up goes their time to twelve hours a day. reach Chicago by May 15th if possible, Any "people's" mayor to enforce it ? gates to return on. Looks good to you, does it, working

St. Regis, Mont., April 27. Comrade Graham:-Your letter of no date reached me just now. Or rather one-half of your letter reached me. There were 10 cards in the envelope. STATE HEADQUARTERS, EMMETT, I have arranged for two meetings at and near this place, and I have written to socialists in Saltese and Taft to arrange for meetings at each of these places, for some of the comrades here believe that I can organize at each of these places.

Comrade Stacy thinks that I ought to organize in Lothrop and possibly at Iron Mountain. I have written to Comrade Reely in Missoula to get names of people that will help at the various points along the route to Mis-

I need all the data that I can get. Do you have the names of socialists through co-operative effort with the that can be relied upon to do actual work ! I find that many socialists like to do their work by telling what wonderful things they have done, or will do "in the sweet bye and bye". I think that some of this kind have slopped over into Montana.

> If I get arrangements for meetings at Taft and Saltese, I shall not get away from this section until next Saturday, but I shall most likely not return to this place, but will go to Superior and Iron Mountain. From the last named place I shall go to Lothrop and from there to Missoula. I shall

After my next two meetings, I hope to have a good report to make. Sure

I have 'not vet been able to get a sub at this place, but I hope to induce eircumstances.

St. Regis, Mont., April 30. Dear Comrade Graham:- I organized

a local last night at one of the old mills of the Blackfoot Lumber company, and I was so negligent as to fail to have the comrades decide to give the local a name.

I suggest that you give it the name Blackfoot, unless they shall give you river, and were anxious to leave before tinction of the retail country mer- it became too late. They seem to be lieve that they will have a local of The American Society of Equity at 25 or 30 members. I organized with

It may be two or three days before tion, for doing everything that needs

I shall go to Iron Mountain and Superior today, and tomorrow, I'll go

If you have so planned that it will interfere with those plans for me to retainers, sooner or later the farmer go to Chicago, do not change such shall go ahead with the work, I am

> Fraternally yours, D. BURGESS.

# IDAHO

# STATE HEADQUARTERS, EMMETT,

To the Locals and Members-at-Large. Comrades-Greeting:-Owing to the ing for any other than a socialist, and fact that the (35c per capita) assessfor that reason he was always excused ment falls short some \$3,000.00 in from voting on any of the nominees raising the necessary railroad expense

"I move that in addition to the porting, besides being a boon to the and the republicans. He quoted in local in their respective states, the farmers and the retail country mer- stances without number where the re- same to be used to pay the mileage expenses of the delegates to the National convention."

Those voting Yes, 38; No. 13; Not 110 NORTH MAIN STREET voting 14.

Therefore, Comrades, I urgently request that you act at once and send money direct to National Secretary, Daddy Mayor Edwards is getting J. Mahlon Barnes, 180 E. Washington

Send your remittances so it will Any eight-hour law in Montana? so money will be available for dele-

> Let Idaho fail not in her duty to the Cause and there will be reason to rejoice.

> Yours for the Revolution in our time by the Ballot.

THOS. J. COONROD, State Sec'y-Treas., Socialist Party, Idaho. Dated April 30, 1908.

# IDAHO.

April Financial Report, 1908. Receipts.

- 1	Locals—	- 1
Н	Albion\$	2.20
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	Bellgrove	2.10
	Bellevue	2.05
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1	Fairview	3.60
1	Fraser	2.60
1	Hailey	1.05
	Kooskia	4.55
,	Idaho Falls	16.75
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	Melrose	1.50
	Meridian	2.40
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#### FROM BURGESS.

Wallace, Idaho, April 24. Comrade Graham:-Your letter of the 20th inst. just at hand, and I hasten to reply. I shall go at once FRESH & SALT MEATS, LIVE to St. Regis unless I get word that I am to speak in the Miner's hall at Burke. If the comrades have made arrangements to have a meeting there, I shall feel that I ought to do as I have agreed to do.

I had a small meeting at Mullan last Livingston, night. It was very stormy, and many of the more energetic socialists were at Wallace on a law suit. I had GO TO splendid attention, and took up a col-

lection of \$6. I am anxious to have a meeting at Burke, for I feel that I may be able to scatter the mists that seem to hover over that camp. Burke seems to be the chief offender in the movement that is on foot to lead the miners into

the camp of the democrats. D. BURGESS.

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# Poet's Corner

HOW EARNED AND SPENT.

My lady goes to the opera, In her velvet, silk and lace, With her coronet of diamonds, And a rouged and powdered face. Her husband, a man of millions Is sitting close at her side; His glittering gold was the ransom He paid, for this youthful bride.

The roses she wears at her bosom, Are as red as human gore, They were bought with the wage of harlot,

She had earned the night before. She was one of the poor lost creatures-No home, no friends, no name; She earned her bread like others, In the haunts of sin and shame.

Money like hers bought the jewels, Paid for the velvet and lace, Paid for the costly roses And the rouge that painted the face, For the rich man owned the hovel And the outcast, body and soul, For she and kindred others But helped him gain the goal.

Wealth was his one ambition, What cared he, for a woman's life ? To engage in this horrible strife-So while husband and wife are sitting In the glare of the limelight bright, Like scavengers in the night.

Oh, women, with womanly virtues! Fall down on your knees and pray! To your much vaunted God in Heaven And ask Him-His hand to stay! For, were He the God of mercy-The God of Justice and Love-Methinks He would show some pity, To the outcasts from Heaven above!

But ye know not mercy nor pity; It is wealth and its POWER ye adore, Ye are no wiser no better Than the courtesan at her door-Who solicits the men in passing And who bears her lover's name-You sell your love for a palace-While she lives in the haunts of shame W. E. HANSON.

Lewistown, Mont.

### BURGESS' REPORT.

Lothrop, Mont., May 1, 1908. 26th of April and, crossing the mounth be strike seems to have had the effect tains, landed in St. Regis, where I of bringing the government to reason. found a group of socialists. I stopped If every time these outrages occurred with Comrades Stacy, and had splendid the workers answered as the Roman entertainment in their new hotel, the workers have done there would be less Saratoga.

There is not a hall in this little vilsocialists to use one of the rooms in boundaries by the control of the rooms in boundaries by the rooms i lage, but Comrade Longley allowed the place of business. On the evening of the 28th of April, I held a meeting in this room, which was crowded to its utmost. At the close of the meeting, a local was organized.

Socialism was the subject of conversation on the streets the next morning, and all the local politicians are indignant. They say that there is no truth in what the socialists say, but these little fellows are wise enough to allow the assertions of the socialists to go unchallenged so long as the speaker is in town. This affords the local socialists much amusement.

On the evening of the 29th of April, I held a meeting at Blackfoot, and organized a local there. I found no one at this place to oppose the teachings of socialism. One man, a working man, said to me the next morning: "I think that the socialists are entirely too radical." I asked "Why ?" "Well", said he, "I do not like the idea of taking the rich man's wealth from him without giving him compen-

I replied, "The rich man does not hesitate to take this wealth from us without compensation. It is ours when we create it; it is ours until we get it." "Oh", he said, "I see," and then he laughed heartily, and grasped my hand warmly as we parted, saying that the light had shone through,

I held a street meeting at this place last evening; had a fair sized audience and good attention, but there's nothing doing in this town. The town relies upon a saw-mill that is owned by Senator Clark, and that means that s blight hovers over the place.

These people seem to be proud of the fact that they are helping to create the wealth that is used to purchase a place in the U. S. senate for their master. They possess all that they desire-need nothing more.

I called their attention to the fact that a crowd of "Boes" is hovering around the town waiting for a chance to take the places of any that may offend the masters, but this does not alarm these servile place hunters.

St. Regis, Mont., April 29.

week. The "pot-house" politicians away.

# International

The Parliamentary Socialist group have raised the question of the immunity of deputies from prosecution during the Session, and are moving for a discussion of the point. Among the cases which are being brought against deputies, are two for bribery another bourgeois member is accused of falsifying documents and stealing public moneys, another of spitting in an opponent's face in a court of justice at Naples. In these cases-all members of the bourgeois parties-the Chamber felt bound to allow the course of justice to proceed and suspended the immunity, as well also in that against Comrade Ferri, whose campaign against the corruption in the naval administration, and whose zeal for the purification of the public services won ac knowledgment from the very judges who condemned him. But the contrast between the nature of the charges brought against the socialist leader, and that against members of the parties of law and order, is naturally very painful to the bourgeois parties, and they want to stifle the discussion if possible.

In Rome there occurred last week another of those scenes which from Let her die; there are plenty of others time to time disgrace most capitalist governments. On Thursday week a worker who had been killed by capitalist greed was to be buried. All His slaves their vocations are plying, the trade unionists in Rome and large procession through the town, but the knowing why or even what had happened, pressed on, embittered at the arbitarary conduct of the police. It came to a fight, when suddenly, without warning, the police fired. Two killed the secretary of the Builders' union. The result was that the Roman proletariat were furious, and proclaimed the general strike. The result of this seems to have been very great in Rome, practically all business life ceasing, and visitors leaving in flocks, and no towns, according to the recent telegrams of the capitalist press, it would seem that the workers declined to join. If so, it was a sad testimony to the lack of solidarity; but it is quite pos-I left Idaho on the morning of the on other grounds. But in Rome itself Work.

> have decided that this is not the op- Subscription rates, 50 cent better when there is not a socialist

I sold six sub cards, I believe. shall hold another meeting tonight at Union hall, and from this place I shall go to Saltese, if I get word that I confidently expect. I am also told that Borgia is a good point. I may reach that place before going East.

I have written to Fred Chuning for names of socialists and dates in this county. I notice from "The News" that he is to take a prominent part in the effort to organize the county.

If we could devise some way by which to get the people to read, social ism would grow at an amazing pace. All the conditions favor our propa ganda.

P. H. Rabbit was elected secretary and A. L. Stacy organizer. I asked Rabbit to remit this morning, and I believe that he will attend to business. The amount that each applicant paid is marked on the margin of the application.

We hope to organize another local at Union hall, but of course, I know nothing of the prospects.

I have thought that you may be lieve that it would have been better to have retained the old charter, but I could not find five of the old members that would pay up dues so as to Office, for the amount advanced, upon hold the old charter. I assume that you require that this shall be done, but if am mistaken in this, I hope that you will so inform me at once. Be sure to send me a State Constitution.

St. Regis, Mont., April 30. Dear Comrade Graham:-I have just heard from the comrades in Seattle, and they say that I have been elected as a delegate to the National convention, and they insist that I go.

Will it disarrange your plans for me to go ? I have not heard from Blythesville. Saltese, and shall start towards Missoula tomorrow, and expect to reach that city by May 1 or 2. Let me hear from you there, will you ?

If it will make any difference to you, I shall not object, for it will be very hard for me to get through any Dear Comrade Graham:-I had a way. I have been having a hard trip small meeting last night with the re- in Washington, and the weather has sult that an organization was formed been against me in Montana. Prosof 12 members, and an assurance that peets seem to be good now, and it as many more will belong within a may be best for me to keep pounding Mich.; 4th, 5th, 6th, Battle Creek; 7th,

D. BURGESS.

### **National**

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades:-Since reporting on April 9 the lack of action by your committee on the proposition submitted by the Workers Publishing society (Chicago Daily Socialist) reference to headquarters, would state effort has been made to secure other suitable space. The space considered most acceptible, I was to receive definite word upon this day. Have just been informed by the agent having the building in charge that the owner does not desire to rent it for the purposes intended. Considering the limited time before

the expiration of our present lease and the search that has been made, I have deemed it advisable to secure the space offered by the Chicago Daily Socialist, the same being still avail-

As a matter of information it might here be stated that Comrade Simons fully neglected. did not vote at any time when this subject was submitted to the National Executive committee, properly taking ture had a fortnight's absolute rest might, be considered an interested

After the close of the last vote and wire which I declined to submit, unnumbers of the proletariat formed a less accompanied, as I informed him it would be, by a statement of the up upon this question, and that a fav- town outside the workhouse. were killed, 20 wounded, among the orable location was at the time in sight. This issue has been vacated by the above report.

Another point on which I hesitated legal rights against the owner of a even in the home, if there are several ground. However, ground rent is the done. Many of them work till they newspapers appearing; but in other rule in the business district of this drop. Premature births are horribly city and a lessee is not protected unless dealing direct with the owner of both building and ground.

I should also state a renewal of the same motion is at hand from National sible that the phenomenon is explained Executive committee member, Comrade

Fraternally submitted,

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

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> The Chicago branch of the Italian rather f" Socialist Federation has recently started a weekly paper entitled "La Propaganda." The publication office, to The question is "up to" all of us now which all communications should be for answer, and a stern one it is, too. Chicago, Ills.

> versed by a decision of the state su- this week. He says: "The dregs of case has created widespread interest, imbecile, the epileptic - are better and notwithstanding the fact that the protected among us to-day than pregsupreme court sustained the law, it is nant women." Well may we ask, generally conceded that the next legis. What are we doing as a nation ? lature will materially alter the act, and eliminate a number of the most objectionable features.

The distribution of the mileage to delegates will in general be handled as follows: The delegates wherever possible will pay their own fare to the convention, and by Tuesday noon, May 12, will be reimbursed by the National filing a requisition upon a blank form which will be distributed at the first session. However, any delegate who will need a remittance before leaving home will receive a check by return mail by stating the cost of trip one way and giving full name and home address.

### Dates for National Organizers. Stanley J. Clark-May 3, Pine Bluff,

Ark.; 4th, Gillett; 5th, 6th and 7th, George H. Goebel-May 3, Newark,

N. J.; 4th, Utaca; 5th, Rome; 6th, Auburn; 7th, Ithica; 8th, Corning; 9th,

Geo. R. Kirkpatrick-Connecticut, under directions of State Committee. Clarence H. Taylor-May 4th, 5th, Elkton, Md.; 6th, 7th, New Castle, Del.; 8th and 9th, Smyrna.

M. W. Wilkins-May 3, Albion, Harbor.

# Women's Clubs

(By Iona, in The Labour Leader.) There is a difficult bit of work for ne to do this week. A strong-I had almost said fierce-letter from a woman poor-law guardian lies by my She has come to her work with what Olive Schreiner described as 'the power of unaccustomed eyes' and the light of our socialist ideal to help her. And she has seen things.

What are we doing as a nation ?' she asks me. "In my workhouse, only last week, for the third time in five years a young woman came in to bring a baby to the birth. There was no word as to the father; only contemptus shrugs of the shoulder. She, poor thing, is a navvy's daughter, living in navvies' settlement, strong in body, but evidently of little or no mental or moral development, given to drinking, and bone idle, the matron tells me. Her other two children are shame-

"In the workhouse this poor creathe view, in my judgment, that he before her baby was born-every kind of skill and care and nourishment while she was in bed. Her baby was made as clean and sweet and wholeon April the 16th, Comrade Simons some as baby could be. A maternitywished to have a National Committee bag charity saw to its clothing. motion on this subject submitted by Everything was done to enable that woman and her child to survive.

police, fearing a demonstration before position in which the National office plain of, though I couldn't help thinkthe Austrian embassy it seems, closed found itself negotiating with other ing it would have been better for the the principal street. The workers, not parties, that the matter could not poor little baby (it was a girl) to die longer be held in abeyance if any than go back with its mother to learn assurance was to be had of securing her ways of life. But just compare quarters at all, that the National or- the lot of the honest working wives ganization should not be further held and mothers of our crowded, unhealthy

> "The laborers' wages in this place are shamefully low. A good wife gets to feel she must go out to work if is the fact that a sub-tenant has no there is to be anything like a home; building or even the owner of the children, the mother's work is never common among us. Yet few of the poorer women ever think of affording a doctor. The midwives do their best, but they have often two or three cases to see to at once. They cannot possibly do the house work for the poor women they attend; and the same week I saw that navvy's daughter in the workhouse having every attention and care. I heard of a woman with three children in one of our back streets who had got up to do her own washing the third day after her baby's birth. She is dead.

> > The neighbor who told me about her said she was 'a saint if ever there was one.' I ask you, What are we doing, when we help the sinners to live and thrive and allow the saints to die -to be worked and worried to death.

That is my Guardian friend's letter. addressed, is 108 E. Chicago Ave., Moreover, it isn't only the sinners in the conventional sense of that term. A terrible declaration of Bouchacourt's, The decision of Judge King of the one of the great French doctors who civil district court of Louisiana recent- are giving their whole thought to the ly reported, and which declared un- question of healthy motherhood, is constitutional the burdensome primary quoted in an article on "The Care of law of that state, has just been re- the Unborn" in the "New Age" only preme court. The issue raised on this the human species—the degenrate, the

> All of us mothers who are socialists see clearly that here we are confronted with one of the grimmest phases of the problem of poverty. How different the birth time can be in a real home, where the mother has the help she needs and all preparations made, only those who have experienced it can ever tell. Beside me as I write is a letter from a new-made father, pulsating with fine manly emotion. The anxious time is over. The wife, brave and unselfish, has come "splendidly" through the ordeal. The little son, sturdy of limb, fit in every sense, and his mother bending over him with the love-light in her eyes; what a glowing picture, suggestive well-nigh of worship, the father gives me of them both! That is the real home life, which we socialists are fighting to preserve and universalize in everything

And here let me say (for several letters have reached me asking what "Iona" thinks of the controversy raised in our "Letter-Box" by Mr. H. G. Wells and Mr. Haldane Smith) to those of us who have known such a home-and thanks be there are tens of thousands of us-expressions like "State maintenance of mothers," 'Wife and mother an unpaid slave," "The age-long war of the sexes," sound strangely in our ears. For us the family unit is the fundamental Otsego; 8th, Allegan; 9th, Benton fact of humanity. If there cannot be (Continued on Page 4.)

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There is enough work to be done to keep one organizer in Missoula county MIGHT have things better f If you for three months and if this could be are in earnest help us. done the Socialist party would soon assume a militant form.

An effort is going to be made to Buy the cards first and sell them aftput an organizer into Missoula county erwards. In that way you'll be helpfor a few weeks at least. In order to ing the News and spreading the light sustain an organizer in the field, funds of socialism. DO SOMETHING. are necessary and there are enough socialists in Missoula county who, by donating from 25 cents to \$1.00 each month, can raise the amount necessary.

Therefore we request all socialists living in Missoula county who are anxious to have an organizer working for one month in the county to send contributions to help defray organizer's expenses to Fred Chuning, Box 306, Missoula, Montana, and if donations cannot be made at once, write Comrade Chunning how much you will donate and when payments of donations will be made.

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ing Fund.	
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How long since you sent any subs before the inspector. to the News !

Do you ever try to get new members into your local ?

IIT do like the newsy the News. ''-A. B. Callaham, Secetary friend indeed. Local Seattle.

Have you tried to pick up any job work around your diggings ? That job press makes your paper.

Don't you think there are people that would join the socialist party if chairman and Comrade Sauer secretary. I you took a little pains with them ?

Comrade Powers sends in \$6.50- states that Local Livingston made \$14 \$3.50 for special assessment stamps and \$3 for sub cards. That man

they are taking in new members almost J. never sleeps. every meeting night, and adds, "I'll D The linotype is packed and awaiting not give up until I see socialism sweep our orders in New York. We still the state." lack \$100 on it. Perhaps some local would loan this amount.

We are approaching an immense campaign. Are you thinking of putting have our troubles, but I think a house any money into it so as to help the divided against itself is the worst of J party do the right kind of work? all for a socialist. When I see women J

If you don't like the way the News different, and a great many who are T is run put some one else in to run fighting socialism, actually fighting it better. Anybody can have this job for the slavery of themselves and of starving at the drop of a hat. But their children, it's enough to drive for goodness sake don't sulk so long as a father mad." This is so common a the people given the work are killing situation that we hear it over and Mrs. Florence Wesleder, Gt. themselves over it. In the words of over again. There is no greater comthe classic expression "Either dig up mentary on the inferiority of mental development with which woman's per

hand of necessity, driving her helpless into the bitter strife for bread, is the force alone that awakens her to intelligent resistance. Mrs. Edith Schnick, one of the most

nicious situation as the slave of the

enegetic comrades in Lewistown, wife of Comrade Herman Schnick, who is one of the "pillars" there, writes: "I was too sick Sunday to go to local so sent nine-year-old Clarence. He spoke about 'our' meeting. He is quite put out to think he has no red card or badge, and you would laugh to see Mabel (six and a half) get her red ribbon." Out of these children of socialist parents will come the real revolution.

Seventeen dollars from Local Butte, \$8 donation to the News by special collections, and \$9 for due stamps A letter from Comrade Melinda Hudson of Dean says that the local holds Local Butte has a way. It may have a meeting at her house May 3, and several ways, some more or less good she sends for three dollars' worth of or more or less bad. But it has one that is very good for handling difficult situations. At each of its local Does socialism have any real mean- meetings it takes up a special collecing for you-or is it only a pleasant, tion for its state paper. If each local in the state would do the same it self-satisfied contemplation of how we would help some. Somebody has got to support this paper.

Idaho, writes: "We are having quite will there be one possible in the na a revival in Idaho. Our appeal for tion. funds met with a hearty response and we are now practically free from all our old indebtedness and can start the campaign in good shape. I am glad two centuries of capitalist commercialto see you have Burgess with you. 1 ism through poverty, overwork, ignorwould like to have some one in this ance, and, it may be, drunkenness, there to strengthen and enlarge the socialist county to canvas for subs and to dis- is no home worthy the name, no proper tribute literature. We will have to rest, comfort, or even nourishing food movement in the state ? That is what get down to close systematic work if for the poor mother-what ought we you are a member of the Socialist party we ever expect to get results. The to do ? state secretary is kept busy issuing Local Great Falls sends in \$14; new charters and is feeling exceed-\$7 for Mabie on equipment fund, \$3 ingly good about it."

and \$2 from J. R. Donnelly to help pay The following from Comrade C. M. expenses in the News office (far-Lecque, Butte: I thought you might care to hear something today relative to the entertainment of last evening. Comrade Rector writes: "Our local Everything went off very well. Had has taken up the national office con- the hall full. Comrades Ambrose, tract plan for presidential campaign Nira, Rev. Duncan, McCormick and speakers, and will no doubt arrange Eysler made short talks. Comrade for regular speakers beginning July Boomer, of Prosser, Wash., who is a delegate to the National convention, being in the city, also spoke. A great deal of credit should be bestowed upon The postoffice service at Great Falls Comrades Miss M. E. Blom and Mr. is getting unbearable. Special deliveries are not attended to, important Jacob Harkoner, as being chiefly inmail is delayed and packages are held strumental in the success of the afback. This is an old gag played on fair, and last but not least, Comrades socialist mail. The matter will be laid John Peura, L. A. Van Horn. and Joe Salmenson. The Finnish Young Ladies' quartet pleased the gathering by singing the International hymn. A comrade more thoughtful than

### RESULT OF FIRST BALLOT

#### to get the editor and manager to the convention. That socialist was a Seven to Be Elected.

	George Ambrose, Butte	22
ipsburg Friday. Thursday evening he	Julius Bernard, Hamilton	.2
organized a local there of 11 members, with good prospects of increasing at	F. L. Buzzell, Kalispell	11
once to over 20. At the meeting Com-	Frank Curran, Butte	2
rade Schiller was elected temporary	George Dickenson, Gt. Falls.	3
chairman and Comrade Sauer secretary.	Jas. D. Graham, Helena	21
A letter from Comrade Mrs. Bauman	Arthur Harvey, Lewistown	5
states that Local Livingston made \$14	Ida Crouch-Hazlett, Helena	18
at its dance and every one seemed to	John Harrington, Butte	7
have a good time. She states that	John Horne, Billings	4
they are taking in new members almost	John Hudson, Dean	7
every meeting night, and adds, "I'll not give up until I see socialism sweep	David Lay, Red Lodge	8
the state."	Margaret Palsgrove, Gt. Falls	6
	John Peura, Butte, (Finnish	
We have a letter from a most de-	Local)	18
voted comrade in the state that tells its own story: "Of course we all	A. D. Peugh, Livingston	3
have our troubles, but I think a house	W. H. Pierce, Butte	2
divided against itself is the worst of	John Powers, Billings	3
all for a socialist. When I see women	Jas. Rector, Monarch	9
all around me, every day, who are in-	I. W. Reely, Missoula	2
different, and a great many who are fighting socialism, actually fighting	T. J. Rooney, Livingston	.3
for the slavery of themselves and	Chas. Simpson, Livingston	2
	L. A. Vanhorn, Butte	2

RESULT OF SECOND BALLOT.

Falls.....

Mrs. E. M. Wells, Fridley ..

Three to Be Elected.	
Julius Bernard, Hamilton	20
F. L. Buzzell, Kalispel	7
Frank Curran, Butte	2
Henry Davis, Butte	1.
Geo. Dickenson, Great Falls	1
Arthur Harvey, Lewistown	7
John Harrington, Butte	30
John Horne, Billings	1:
John Hudson, Dean	3
David Lay, Red Lodge	26
Margaret Palsgrove, Gt. Falls	2
A. D. Peugh, Livingston	10
W. H. Pierce, Butte	
John Powers, Billings	4
Jas. Rector, Monarch	6:
J. W. Reely, Missoula	1:
T. J. Rooney, Livingston	1
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### WOMEN'S CLUBS

OUR WOMEN'S OUTLOOK. Continued From Page Three

Dr. A. W. Judd, state organizer for a "commonwealth" there, then never

But to-day, where there are no such Three Shows daily Open year around healthy conditions, where after nigh

Out in Australia the Women's Labor leagues are pressing for the provision of healthy, brightly arranged maternity wards, managed and maintained as are our fever hospitals to-day by the community for the community.

In Germany, where married women work outside the home, there is a general compulsory insurance scheme which secures both thorough medical attendance and a period of rest after confinement to the mother. But, alas! this does not affect the home wives and mothers.

In France there are a number of excellently managed municipal "aisles" the nine months before her child's of Huddersfield, on his efforts to lessen the infant mortality of his town.

74 fight against slums, open ashpits, im- it does seem to see a young person pure milk, etc., etc., is well begun. choose an occupation because of the in London, and lectures on health and never mind about the salary. the care of infants are becoming fairly There is a chance to do some good popular. In a few districts, in addi- work in Missoula county for some one tion to the parish doctor, skilled nurses who has plenty of time. We had a have been provided by charitable agen- good meeting in Missoula Sunday night cies. Lady health inspectors, working and the comrades came through with under the new Notification of Births \$20.00 for the linotype. Comrade Act, are slowly being appointed. The Reeley's is another family where kindness of relatives and neighbors is children and all are socialists. Will

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sense that the babies of our poorer families shall be well born and the mothers rightly cared for, when we put the question, What are we doing as a nation? we can only answer sorrowfully, as yet, Nothing. That is the grim thought I have to leave with my readers this week.

### WEEKLY REPORT FROM MABIE.

Mabie writes from Philipsburg: Came in here on the afternoon train and soon found several good comrades. Comrade Sauer had left a note in the or mothers' refuges, where for a month postoffice that he would meet me at before and a month after the birth six o'clock and he showed up promptly every care is taken of the mother; on time. We saw several of the while "schools for mothers", "res- comrades, and arranged for a meettaurants for necessitous mothers to se- ing tomorrow night, and after encure breast-feeding," etc., are rapidly gaging a meeting place came up to his springing into existence. In one villhome, where I have had the pleasure lage-that of Villiers-le-Duc-it is of spending the evening in a socialist pointed out in the "New Age" that family. His daughter Pauline has any woman may claim support during been entertaining us with some piano birth, as well as the gratuitous services are both brim full of enthusiasm and of doctor and midwife. The result has the children take an intelligent inter- Remember the Above Places When You been that both infant and maternal est in the conversation about socialism. mortality have been well-nigh abol- It just does one's soul good to see these ished. It was a visit to this village bright young children with socialist that started Mr. Broadbent, the Mayor ideals growing up (Comrades Sauer have six of them) and hear them plan about what they are going to do in the world and never a word about what We have recently held our National they are going to get for it-no Conference on Infantile Mortality. The thought about the PAY. How strange Schools for mothers have been started good they can do in the world and

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